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TO: Each Supervisor
FROM:  Donald H. Blevins
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**SUBJECT: SONYA LOVE GUIDANCE CENTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
MONITORING REVIEW**

We have completed a review of Sonya Love Guidance Center operated by Sonya Love Guidance Center, Inc. The Group Home contracts with the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

Sonya Love Guidance Center is a six-bed facility, which provides care for boys ages 12-17 years who exhibit behavioral, social and emotional difficulties. At the time of the monitoring review, Sonya Love Guidance Center was providing services for six Probation youth.

Sonya Love Guidance Center is located in the Second District.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The purpose of our review is to determine whether the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. In addition, the review covers basic child safety and licensing issues and includes an evaluation of the Agency's Program Statement, internal policies and procedures, child case records, a facility inspection and interviews with children placed in the Group Home at the time of the review. Interviews with children are designed to obtain their perspectives on the program services provided by the Agency and to ensure adherence to the Foster Youth Bill of Rights.

SUMMARY

Generally, the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. However, the Agency needs to address a few deficient areas. Specifically, the Group

Home needs to remove an old alarm box with protruding wires out of the closet of bedroom #1, provide religious services choices for each youth, and provide a working computer.

NOTABLE FINDINGS

- Old alarm box with protruding wires in the closet of bedroom #1
- Youth reported that the Group home was not providing choices regarding religious services
- There is no working computer in the group home

EXIT CONFERENCE

In attendance:

Mr. Costelito Harris, Administrator
Mrs. Patricia Harris, Facility Manager

Highlights

The Exit Conference was conducted on July 28, 2010. The representatives present were in agreement with the findings of the review. They agreed to have the old alarm box removed and the wall patched, provide youth choices of religious services/activities to attend, and supply at least one working computer for the youth at the group home by October 28, 2010. A follow-up visit will be conducted to ensure that all deficiencies have been corrected.

If you need additional information or have any questions or concerns, please contact Director, Lisa Campbell-Motton, Placement Permanency and Quality Assurance at (323) 240-2435.

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Attachments

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Costelito Harris, Executive Director, Sonya Love Guidance Center
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**SONYA LOVE GUIDANCE CENTER PROGRAM CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
MONITORING REVIEW- SUMMARY**

	Contract Compliance Monitoring Review	Findings: Month/Year
I	<u>Licensure/Contract Requirements</u> (9 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timely Notification for Child's Relocation 2. Stabilization to Prevent Removal of Child 3. Transportation 4. SIRs 5. Compliance with Licensed Capacity 6. Disaster Drills Conducted 7. Disaster Drill Logs Maintenance 8. Runaway Procedures 9. Allowance Logs 	(Full Compliance) ALL
II	<u>Program Services</u> (7 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Population Consistent with Program Statement 2. Probation Caseworker Authorization to Implement NSPs 3. Children's Participation in the Development of NSPs 4. NSPs Implemented and Discussed with Staff 5. Therapeutic Services Received 6. Recommendation Assessments/Evaluations Implemented 7. Probation Caseworkers Monthly Contact Documented 	(Full Compliance) ALL
III	<u>Facility and Environment</u> (6 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exterior Well Maintained 2. Common Areas Maintained 3. Children's Bedrooms/Interior Maintained 4. Sufficient Recreational Equipment 5. Sufficient Educational Resources 6. Adequate Perishable and Non Perishable Food 	1. Full Compliance 2. Full Compliance 3. Needs Improvement 4. Needs Improvement 5. Full Compliance 6. Full Compliance
IV	<u>Educational and Emancipation Services</u> (4 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emancipation/Vocational Programs Provided 2. ILP and Emancipation Planning 3. Current IEPs Maintained 4. Current Report Cards Maintained 	(Full Compliance) ALL
V	<u>Recreation and Activities</u> (3 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation in Recreational Activity Planning 2. Participation in Recreational Activities 3. Participation in Extra-Curricular, Enrichment and Social Activities. 	(Full Compliance) ALL

VI	<u>Children's Health-Related Services (including Psychotropic Medications)</u> (9 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Court Authorization for Administration of Psychotropic Medication 2. Current Psychiatric Evaluation/Review 3. Medication Logs 4. Initial Medical Exams Conducted 5. Initial Medical Exams Timely 6. Follow-Up Medical Exams Timely 7. Initial Dental Exams 8. Initial Dental Exams Timely 9. Follow-Up Dental Exams Timely 	(Full Compliance) ALL
VII	<u>Personal Rights</u> (11 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children Informed of Home's Policies and Procedures 2. Children Feel Safe 3. Satisfaction with Meals and Snacks 4. Staff Treatment of Children with Respect and Dignity 5. Appropriate Rewards and Discipline System 6. Children Free to Receive or Reject Voluntary Medical, Dental and Psychiatric Care 7. Children Allowed Private Visits, Calls and Correspondence. 8. Children Free to Attend Religious Services/Activities 9. Reasonable Chores 10. Children Informed about Psychotropic Medication 11. Children Aware of Right to Refuse Psychotropic Medication 	1. Full Compliance 2. Full Compliance 3. Full Compliance 4. Full Compliance 5. Full Compliance 6. Full Compliance 7. Full Compliance 8. Needs Improvement 9. Full Compliance 10. Full Compliance 11. Full Compliance
VIII	<u>Children's Clothing and Allowance</u> (8 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$50.00 Clothing Allowance 2. Adequate Quantity Clothing Inventory 3. Adequate Quality Clothing Inventory 4. Involvement in Selection of Clothing 5. Provision of Personal Care Items 6. Minimum Monetary Allowances 7. Management of Allowance 8. Encouragement and Assistance with Life Book 	(Full Compliance) ALL
IX	<u>Personal Records (including Staff Qualifications, Staffing Ratios, Criminal Clearances and Training)</u> (12 Elements) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education/ Experience Requirement 2. Criminal Fingerprint Cards Timely Submitted 3. CAls Timely Submitted 4. Signed Criminal Background Statement Timely 5. Employee Health Screening Timely 6. Valid Driver's Licenses 	(Full Compliance) ALL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7. Signed Copies of GH Policies and Procedures8. Initial Training Documentation9. CPR Training Documentation10. First Aid Training Documentation11. On Going Training Documentation12. Emergency Intervention Training Documentation	
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